REMARKS

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 was filed on January 30, 2007. This Supplemental Amendment is submitted in light of the interview conducted between the Applicants' representatives and the Examiner on February 6, 2007.

Applicants consider the January 30, 2007 Amendment entered. Therefore, the present Amendment includes the changes made in the January 30, 2007 Amendment. By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants add claims 14 and 15 to further define features of claim 1 discussed during the interview.

As no Office Action has yet been issued and since claims 14 and 15 further define the invention, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered and considered in the next Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,359,643 to Visvanathan et al ("Visvanathan") in view of Miyazaki (US Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0231631). For *at least* the following reasons, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Applicants' remarks submitted in the January 30, 2007 Amendment regarding claim 1 are incorporated herein by reference. Moreover, in view of the interview, Applicants respectfully maintain that the references cannot be combined due to the differences in their storing methods.

For instance, Miyazaki teaches capturing a predetermined number of frames in a memory using a cyclical approach, wherein the memory is *cyclically updated* with the latest frames by

deleting the oldest frames, whereas Visvanathan is directed to a system for a user to extract a still image from a *continuous* stream of video (*See* Miyazaki: Abstract and page 2, paragraph [0035], and Visvanathan: Abstract and col. 4, lines 40-63). Applicants submit that such a combination would result in the camera of Visvanathan to only store images for a predetermined period of time, and discard all the other frames, which is contrary to Visvanathan's teachings.

In the interview, the Examiner indicated that Visvanathan is cited for disclosing the still picture data recording means of claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that in the Office Action, under the rejection based on Visvanathan, the Examiner merely states "recording the image data onto a recording medium" as recited in claim 1 is disclosed by col. 3, lines 52-62 of Visvanathan. However, under the rejection based on Miyazaki, the Examiner states that it would have been obvious to a skilled artisan to "implement a display, selection and *storage* system as taught by Miyazaki in the camera of Visvanathan..." (Office Action at page 3, emphasis added). The Examiner stated that he cited Visvanathan for storing the *motion* picture data of the subject image (although claim 1 recites that *compressed* motion picture data is stored), and cited Miyazaki for storing the particular image selected by a user among the predetermined number of images.

Applicants respectfully submit that, if the teachings regarding storing a particular image selected by a user among the predetermined number of images in Miyazaki were incorporated into the system of Visvanathan, it would cause a user of Visvanathan's camera to lose desired image data. For example, if the push model mechanism was triggered on the camera of Visvanathan multiple times while shooting a video to indicate *multiple desired frames* to be

captured as still images, Miyazaki's operation of *cyclically deleting* the oldest frames in the memory to write the latest frame would lead to some of the desired still images to be deleted during the cyclical update processing.

As such, a skilled artisan would not be motivated to modify Visvanathan's camera by incorporating the storing feature of Miyazaki into Visvanathan's camera, because the proposed modification would result in the loss of desired image data.

In light of the discussion above, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Visvanathan and Miyazaki is improper, and request the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection.

Since claims 2 and 3 are depend upon independent claim 1, and since the rejection of claim 1 has been shown to be improper as shown above, Applicants submit that claims 2 and 3 are patentable *at least* by virtue of their dependency.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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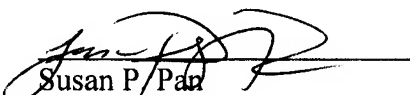
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